

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 14-21 are pending in the present application. Claims 9-13 have been cancelled herein. New claims 14-21 have been added, which find support in the specification, at least, at page 8, line 23 – page 9, line 1.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-8. Applicants respectfully submit that newly added claims 14-21 should also be included in Group I.

With regard to the further lack of unity restriction requirement, Applicants elect the haplotype No. 5 (AGAC) found in Table 8 of the specification (page 55).


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, Registration No 32,181 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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